
26th DECEMBER, 1804.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

A BILL,

FOR carrying into more complete effect, the tenth article of the treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation with Spain.

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That
3 whenever any Spanish vessel shall arrive in distress, in any port
4 of the United States, having been damaged on the coasts, or with-
5 in the limits of the United States, the master shall make report of
6 the vessel, and deliver in a manifest of the cargo to the collector,
7 who is hereby authorised to grant a permit to land the same, or
8 such part thereof, as may be necessary to lighten or repair the
9 vessel, first taking such bonds for the security of the duties, as
10 would be payable in cases of regular importations; and the col-
11 lector shall note on the permit and bonds, that the articles therein

12 ~~specified are intended~~ for exportation, and should the said vessel
 13 be condemned as not sea worthy, or be deemed incapable of per-
 14 forming her original voyage, it shall be lawful to relade the whole
 15 cargo, or any part thereof, on board any other vessel or vessels;
 16 and upon the same being exported out of the limits of the United
 17 States, the collector shall give credit on the bonds, for such part
 18 as may have been so exported. And no duties, charges, or fees,
 19 whatever, shall be paid on such part of the cargo, as may be re-
 20 laded and carried away, either in the vessel in which it was ori-
 21 ginally imported, or in any other whatever.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the collector of the port
 2 of Norfolk, in Virginia, shall be, and he hereby is authorised and
 3 required, to refund to the owners, or agents, of the Spanish bri-
 4 gantine Nancy, (which vessel arrived in distress at that port, in
 5 ~~the year one thousand eight hundred and four~~) the amount of
 6 three and one half per cent. of the duties retained by him on her
 7 cargo, upon its exportation; together with all the charges and fees
 8 whatever, received upon the same, or such part thereof as was re-
 9 laded and carried away.